working children identified during the course of survey. Government is taking action to implement the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in letter and spirit.

(c) Does not arise.

Employment of Children as Domestic Servant

857. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that voluntary organisations like Cry, Prayas and Depalaya demonstrated and submitted a memorandum to the President of India to make employment of children as domestic servant a punishable offence; and

(b) if so, the action Government have taken in the matter to create awareness against the distressing reality of child labour at home?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) On the direction of the National Human Rights Commission, the Ministry of Labour has taken up the matter with State Governments. Some states have amended their Service Conduct Rules prohibiting Government servants from employing any child below the age of 14 years to work at home.

Accidents in Industrial Establishments in Assam

858. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased tostate:

(a) the number of accidents in industrial establishments in Assam during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have issued instructions and directions to industrial establishments in the State to provide adequate safety as well as check recurrence of such accidents therein; and

(c) if so, the names of industrial establishments which have adopted these safety measures?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

FDI in Tobacco Sector

859. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to allow 10 per cent FDI in Cigarette manufacturing;

(b) if so, whether this decision will have an adverse impact on the employment of tendu leaf and bidi workers; and

(c) if not, how Government propose to safeguard these workers from MNCs?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) The existing guidelines for consideration of FDI proposals by FIPE do not stipulate any ceiling on the extent of foreign equity participation inter-alia in sectors pertaining to consumer non-durables, which include cigarettes. However, there has been no precedent of 100% FDI approval in cigarettes so far. The proposal for manufacture of cigarette with Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 100% shall be considered by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPE) subject to the provisions relating to compulsory licensing under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951.

Changes in Labour Laws

860. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives for appropriate changes in the labour laws and take fresh look at labour policies, conventions and rules